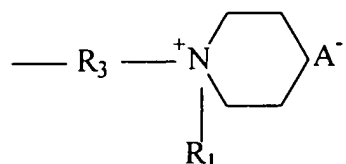
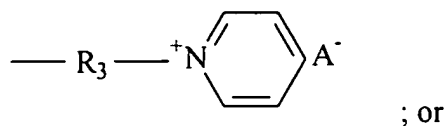
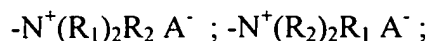


3 18. (First Amendment) The polymeric composition of claim ~~17~~², wherein the one antimicrobial quaternary ammonium group of said vinylic compound is selected from



where each R₁ is independently C1-C4 alkyl optionally substituted in or on the chain by N, O, and S, benzyl, C1-C4 substituted benzyl, and Ph-O-CH₂CH₂- where Ph= phenyl; R₂ is C8-C26 straight or branched chain alkyl or C8-C30 aralkyl optionally substituted in or on the chain by N, O and S; R₃ is a linkage group which is C8-C26 alkyl optionally substituted in or on the chain by N, O and S, and A is an anionic counter ion and is selected from halogen, alkyl sulfate, carboxylate, sulfonate, sulfate, phosphonate or phosphate.

Please add new claims 46 and 47:

46. (New) The polymeric composition of claim 1 wherein the polyisocyanate compound is a diisocyanate compound and the polyactive hydrogen compound is a diactive hydrogen compound.

47. (New) A polymeric composition, comprising, a polyurethane polymer derived from a polyisocyanate compound and a vinylic functional diol compound, said polyurethane polymer having a plurality of antimicrobial quaternary ammonium groups, wherein said polymeric composition is capable of forming a self supporting film.

A version marked up to show changes to the claims relative to the previous version is attached.